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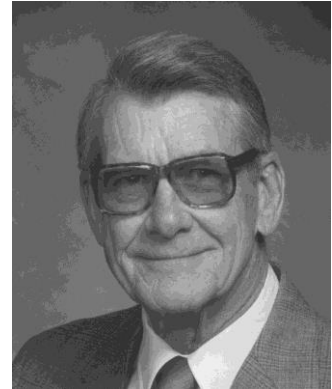
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Passing of Former Mayor Stanley Ball

Funeral to be held Friday

It is with sadness that the City of Branson reports the passing of former Branson Mayor Staley Ball. He passed away on Friday, March 27th, at the age of 97 years old.

Stanley Ball served the Branson Board of Aldermen for 13 years, including 4 years as Mayor, from 1973 to 1977. He served as Mayor when the City of Branson hired its first professional City Administrator in 1973, and also as the City added a third Ward in 1975, expanding the Board of Aldermen from 4 members, to its present 6 members. The City of Branson population grew from 1,916 to 3,011 between the 1970 and 1980 Censuses.



"While Mayor Ball lived his later years in Springfield, he was always up to date on what was happening in Branson. He shared his pride of Branson with his many friends and was always quick to send an email of advice or just a funny thought of the day to me. I will miss his generous & joyful spirit." says Mayor Presley.

Stanley was raised in Nixa, Missouri and served in World War II. Sports were an important part of his life; he was a long-time basketball referee and played on town teams for both Branson and Nixa.

He drove a truck for Standard Oil Company, delivering all types of oil products on a rural route in Nixa and surrounding area. In 1955, he purchased a half interest in a Standard Oil dealership in Branson. Later, he owned and operated an independent insurance agency in Branson, until his retirement in 1983.

Services will be held Friday, April 3rd, 2015 at the Greenlawn Funeral Home East, in Springfield. Visitation will be held from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. followed by the funeral service at 2:00 p.m. Burial will be in Richwood Cemetery in Ozark, Missouri.

In lieu of flowers, the family would request donations to the Boys and Girls Club, 1410 N. Fremont Avenue, Springfield, MO 65802.

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